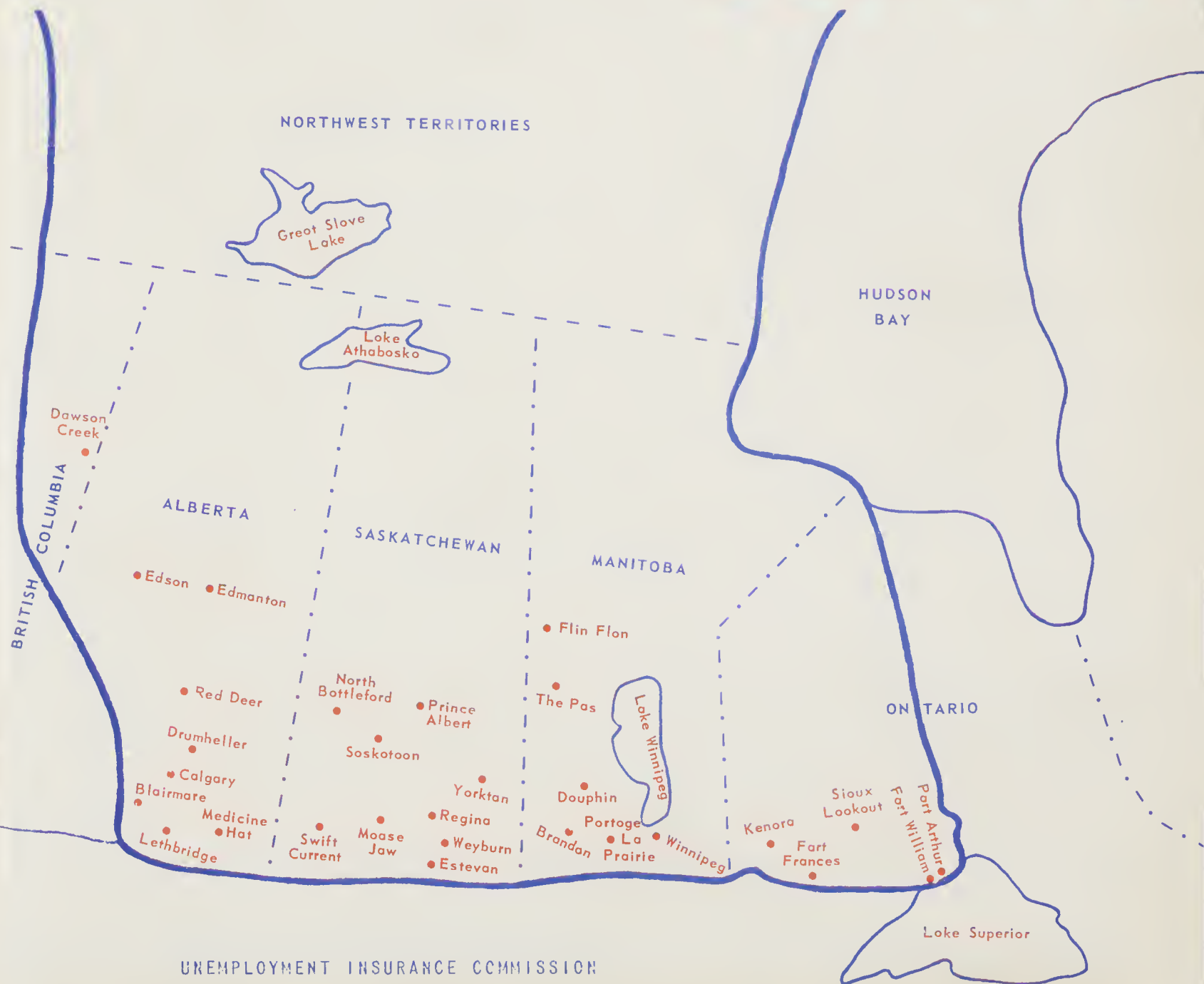


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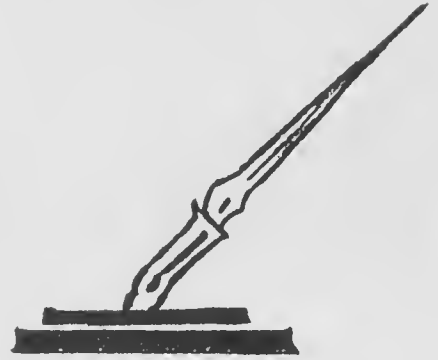


Winnipeg, Manitoba,
April - May, 1959.

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Message



Pulling Together

In the Winnipeg section of this issue of Prairie News, the story is told of a porter who urged a young couple to move from a railway coach because "...it ain't hitched to nothing -- it sure ain't going anywhere!" The report goes on to observe that we of the UIC are "hitched".

I think that the comparison drawn between the UIC and a railway train is a very good one, and I should like to carry it a little further: Every branch and unit in our organization may be likened to one of the coaches making up the train. We're all hitched and as long as we keep pulling together we'll provide good service for our "passengers".

The efficiency with which each coach of our train operates depends on every member of the crew; even just one member failing to do his job properly or to get along with his fellow crew members affects the train's operation and impairs the good services which the passengers have a right to expect.

In other words, whether we speak of a train or the UIC, smooth-running teamwork is necessary for its successful operation and we can't fail if we all stay "hitched".

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Duncan". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

W. Duncan,
Regional Director.

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The Three 'Greats'

The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.

- Thomas Edison

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'ROUND THE REGION

A Letter From The Chief Commissioner

24 April, 1959.

"Dear Mr. Duncan:

Now that another winter season of intense activity has passed, I wish once again to convey to the field staff the Commission's appreciation for the manner in which its business with the public was conducted.

Although the flow of insurance work was perhaps a little lighter than in the previous year, the volume of claims was still heavy, calling for long hours and constant application of effort. It goes without saying that this unceasing effort was forthcoming.

On the other hand, any lessening in demand for our insurance service was more than offset by intensified job finding and winter employment campaign activities. In both these fields, outstanding results were achieved all across the country.

Perhaps I should make particular mention of the Commission's first venture into the field of push-button operations. The experience with the mechanization program introduced experimentally in your region is now being analyzed carefully. In the near future a decision will be made as to the extent to which mechanization will be applied in our organization, and I would like to say that the splendid work done by you and your staff is proving to be extremely valuable to us in weighing the merits of the system.

On the whole, the Commission has had an extremely busy and successful winter season. As usual, the key to successful operations has been good staff performance, and I would appreciate it if you would pass on to your people, my sincere thanks for a job well done."

Yours sincerely,

J.G. Bisson

Chief Commissioner.

BRANDON

by Lillian Bain

Well, PN time is here again and we were notified by our Editor to get our write-ups in earlier this month because of the holiday. So here goes:

Book Renewal is in full swing for another year and the mail these days is really terrific. However, it won't be too long before the S.B. claims will be finished, and then it should ease up a little bit.

Mr. E.M. Chalkman, Employment Supervisor, was presented with a gift from the staff, on his departure for Moose Jaw. The members of the Employment Branch entertained at a party on his behalf, and a good time was had by all accounts. We wish Ed well in his new job.

Congrats To New Supervisor

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Frank D. Ellis, who has been promoted to E&CO 4, Supervisor of Employment Branch.

We are very glad to welcome Mr. Jim Matheson back after his bout in the hospital with pneumonia, and Mrs. Doreen Johnston who was also in the hospital for a short time. All those who have had the flu are with us again; just a few colds hanging around, now. A couple of our casuals have left; Mrs. Jeanette Stritz and Miss Edythe Wood, and the girls had a little "do" for both of them, in appreciation of their work.

Holidays are just starting now and Mr. Ellis' is away in Eastern Canada, while yours truly has just returned from a week in Minneapolis, after being the delegate at the Convention of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Annual NUICA Meeting

The annual meeting of the Brandon-Dauphin Branch NUICA was held in Dauphin this year, and we had a very good turnout. We held our meeting in the NEO in the afternoon and then enjoyed refreshments and a turkey dinner at the King's hotel. A sing-song brought the evening to a close. Plans have been made for

further get-togethers, but we do hope that the weatherman will give us better weather, as we had rain, snow and sunshine. We are looking forward to meeting at Clear Lake in June. A wonderful time was had by all, and we in Brandon want to thank our Dauphin friends for all the courtesies shown to us.

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Thoughts at Random

A man would probably have a chance of getting by without working if competition wasn't so keen.

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You're getting old when the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

- INCO Triangle.

RED DEER

by Mrs. M. Briscoe

Well, here we are again from the Central Alberta area. While known at times as "Sunny Alberta", lately we have had our share of deep, wet snow. In fact, it has been tough on the golfers for the last three weeks - not to mention the local office gardeners.

Recently we had a visit from Mr. A.O. Bain, Manager of the Brandon Office. He was here visiting his daughter during the Easter holidays. He appears to be in fine shape despite reports of recent sickness (must live a clean life, I guess).

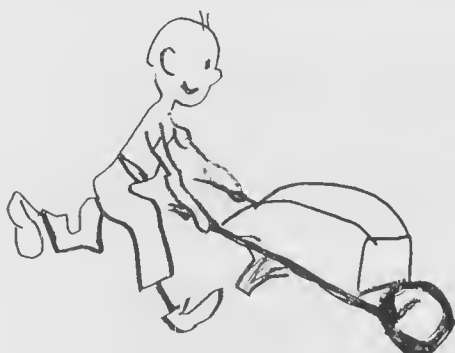
Red Deer Takes Title

The Red Deer Rustler's Hockey Team add another Championship to their credit as they beat Fort Frances Canadians for the Western Canadian title. Fort Frances had a fine team, but couldn't stand

up to the drive of the Red Deer team under Ray Hannigan. We expect that some of the staff at the Fort Frances office took the opportunity of seeing the teams in action.

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Congratulations to Frank Ellis, new supervisor of the employment branch in Brandon, and also to Holgar Rasmussen of Drumheller, who was appointed manager of the new Lloydminster office.



We understand that our Employment Supervisor, Mr. Mitchell, and family, will be taking up residence in their new home sometime in July. There has been some delay in the completion of the house much to the chagrin of Mr. Mitchell who is anxious to use a wheelbarrow and various gardening tools presented to him on his birthday so that he might show his prowess in the field of gardening and as general handyman.

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Two staff weddings will take place May 16th. The girls are Miss Ellie Friesen a casual who has been on the staff for a year in charge of Records, and Miss Lois Koski, stenographer in the Insurance department. We wish them both lots of happiness.

A discussion came up during staff training last week, (slightly irrelevant maybe) as to whether men in the armed forces should salute an officer if he was in civvy dress. The question was put to Mr. Krause (Major), Supervisor of Insurance. "Certainly," said he, "haven't you noticed chaps saluting me here even at my desk?" A bright P.O. remarked, "Well, they were claimants, weren't they?"

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What causes highway accidents?

Well, experts all conclude

The gasoline is too refined,

The drivers much too crude.

- The Staff.

FORT FRANCES

by Miss M. Hahkala

Prairie News time has rolled around again and I always seem to leave this report till the very last minute.

Since our last contribution to PN, we have acquired a new member of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. May Swartman who was formerly employed with the Indian Affairs Branch here in Fort Frances. May your stay with us be a long and happy one, May.

Winter Hangs On

Winter is still trying to hang on for all it is worth. We still had snow on the ground at mid-May, but this disappeared when the sun finally managed to show itself.

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Book renewal is well under way, and it is almost getting the best of us. With Pat away things seem to get piled up at times. But as one of our staff members keeps saying, "Oh well, maybe we'll get caught up in July."

Our remaining casual, Mrs. Pat Avery, is having a rough time this spring, battling colds, flu, and spending a day or two in the hospital every now and then. We hope to see you back on the job very soon, Pat.



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MOOSE JAW

by E. Brough

Mrs. Marjorie Clements, an almost permanent casual, has become a regular staff member and can now claim that coveted three weeks' holidays. Oh! Yes, she also won a summer cottage a few weeks back, but she is settling for cash. Lucky girl!

Jack Radu of Flintoff, Sask. has joined our Employment staff and having a farm background has been assigned to the farm desk. We are wondering if he will continue spending the week-ends at the farm-home when the snow blows. Our official Prairie News welcome is two months late, so we'll say, "May your stay be a happy one."

Mrs. Marjorie Jamieson is tiding our Staff over the month of May until the new Stenographer arrives in June. Thanks, Marjorie.

Larry To Hospital

In the midst of 1485's being cancelled and spring orders coming in, Larry Holmes was whisked off to the hospital. We haven't heard too much about the hospital stay but since his convalescence at the suite he has been chomping at the bit to be back in harness. We will hail him with delight when he sits behind his desk on the 15th. (Larry says he couldn't get enough to eat the first few weeks, even though his wife Clara has access to the pantry keys at the hospital!) He does have a "sleeker" waist-line.

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We owe casual employee Jim Campbell (a product of the Maritimes) a "thank-you" for filling in as receptionist for us while the regular staff held the fort for Larry.

The farm orders still arrive, even though they almost arrive via the dusty-wide express. Present outlook in this area is disheartening, but hope springs up afresh with every show of rain.

Committee Meeting

The Moose Jaw Insurance Division had a brief visit from Regional Office Reviewing Officer, S.K. McLeod, during the early part of May. Next week, 21st and 22nd of May, the Prairie Regional Employment Committee meeting will be held in our city. We hope to meet various Regional Office representatives, among whom will be our Editor, Morton Wilson. The old saying could be changed to, "We knew you were coming but we didn't bake a cake as we don't know what kind you like."

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DEFINITIONS

Girdle: Something that holds a girl in when she's going out.

Deliver: Part of the body.

BLAIRMORE

by V.A. Tompkins

Seems like I just sent in my news to PN -- and here it is time for another edition. We are still doing a tremendous business; just can't seem to run out of customers. They keep right on coming in, thus we are kept very busy.

Enjoyed a very nice visit from Mr. A.F. Brown in March, and this past week had the pleasure of having Mr. J. Lysecki in for a couple of days. We're sure his stay here will be a memorable one.

Our LOM, Mr. Lote, has been kept on the go with a schedule of Industrial Meetings, E.R. Visits, etc., besides attending the Supervision School held in Calgary the latter part of April.

Now Post-Master

Mr. J.J. Yanota, our E&CO 3, decided he wanted a change of scenery, so is now our Local Post-Master. We are still trying to convince him that he misses our sweet smiling faces. What some people won't do for a party.

Referring to parties, we had the pleasure of being hosts to Lethbridge and Medicine Hat for the Annual NUICA Meeting. The weather was ideal for their trip here, turkey supper enjoyed by all, dancing followed and all in all it was a lovely evening.

High Hopes For Sunshine

The "Flu Bug" also paid us a visit, but luckily didn't do too much damage. Nothing too exciting has happened, so I had better get this out in the mail and meet the deadline. We have actually had the sun shining for the last three days, so sure hope it decides to stick around.

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"Now tell the truth, George—have you ever seen a view quite like this?"

REGINA

by Alice Rudoski

Time again for the Prairie News - the spring edition. Can't tell you much about office news for May, as I'm now on vacation at Cold Lake, Alberta. However, April had its "newsy" moments.

Two Hurt In Car Accidents

Mrs. Berdie Gates (our commuter from Lumsden) suffered serious bruises when she rolled her Volkswagen three times on a gravel road near Regina. Mrs. Gates returned to work for a few days after the accident, but I understand, is now at home under doctor's care. We wish her the very best and a speedy recovery. Yours truly was also in a car accident in April (the same weekend as Mrs. Gates). Lost one tooth and bruised both legs when our car drove into the back of a station wagon. However, except for being mighty stiff and sore in the legs, 'me and my new tooth' are doing fine. Looks as if the stars were "agin" us that weekend.

Two-Day School

The Managers of the UIC offices in Saskatchewan, attended a two-day school at our office last month. Mr. Duncan opened the session, Mr. Crookshanks carried on and Mr. Luders arrived the second day to lend a hand.

Whose Cup?

A rather humorous incident happened in the lunch room recently. Several of our members bring their own cups and on this particular day, when one of the men of the employment section went down for a coffee, he couldn't find his cup anywhere. While he was searching for it, one of the ladies finished her coffee and washed and hung up her cup. Said the man, "There's my cup!!" and

met with a firm protest that, "No!" it was her cup, the same one she "had used for the past two years." And they were both right. Apparently, for two years they had used the same cup thinking it was their own, and this was the first time they had both been in the lunch room at the same instant.

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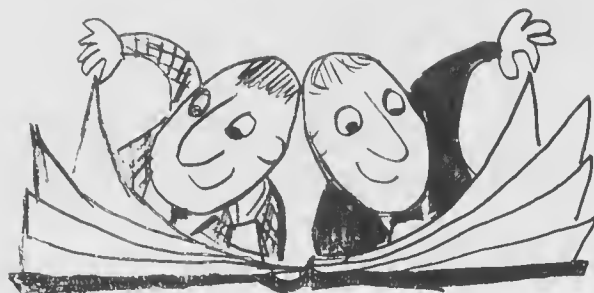
And that's that for the news from 717 until July. Vacation time has come again and we'd like to wish all of you a happy holiday and, once again, extend to you an invitation to visit us if you're in Regina.

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The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

- Employment Security News.

THE BOOK SHELF



(The following books are available at the Library at Head Office. - Ed.)

AUTOMATION AND OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. Report of the Director-General. Part I. International Labour Conference. Fortieth Session. Geneva, 1957. 105p.

"Preparing for technological change is not difficult if the need for doing so is fully appreciated. It is for management to take the initiative and to open the doors for consultation with the workers. It is for the workers and their representatives to examine in a reasonable spirit the changes proposed and to provide safeguards for the workers which promote rather than impede

technological progress. It is for the government to pull together the many strands of change and to make up and analyse the total picture: and on this basis to form a clear idea of the problems which may arise. It is for the three parties to work together to plan ahead so that changes are made, in each undertaking, industry and area, with full regard to the human factors involved."

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THE CANADIAN BUREAUCRACY, A Study of Canadian Civil Servants and Other Public Employees, 1939-47, by Taylor Cole. Durham, N.C., Duke University Press, 1959. 292p.

"The term 'bureaucracy' is not used here in an invidious sense but simply refers to a group of human beings or employees who are performing definite functions considered essential by a community."

This study "deals with the chief personnel developments since 1939,

with particular attention to the personnel control agencies, the employment conditions, and the employee associations... The study covers only the employees of the Dominion Government and of the provincial governments of Canada, together with the public-school teachers. Municipal and other local employees have been excluded from consideration."

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GUIDE TO CAREER SUCCESS, by Esther Eberstadt Brooke. New York, Harper & Brothers, 1947. 228p.

"This book was written for the express purpose of bringing you proof that success is within the grasp of all of us, and that the

means thereto lie within ourselves. It is divided into three parts - Find Yourself - Find Your Job - Find Success."

Avoid Inflation

Never get a swelled head. Remember, a pair of shoe trees can fill your shoes.

- Gordie Tapp on CBC.

YORKTON

Since our last contribution to Prairie News a lot of newsworthy events have taken place at LO 788. We are pleased, for instance, to announce that Harold Krause was the successful candidate for the E&CO position in Employment vacated by the transfer of Jim Matheson to Brandon. Welcome to the fold, Harold, and hope that you enjoy your work.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow Honoured

On the 9th of this month the staff and their families gathered at the Elkové Club to honour Mr. and Mrs. Burrow on Mr. Burrow's retirement. After an enjoyable banquet, presenta-

tions were made to Mr. and Mrs. Burrow on behalf of the regular and casual staff by Mr. Ross, LOM. We'll miss you, George, and your timely jokes around the office.

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LOM Mr. Ross and our new appointee, Harold Krause, reported a very successful campaign in connection with the recruiting of sugar beet workers for the Southern Alberta fields. It is reported that they recruited some 150 odd.

Most of the staff have had their turn in combatting the flu bug. Latest to return have been Mr. Willis and Mr. Ross. We hope the bug doesn't strike again, as we are snowed under by placements and book renewal. We are happy to announce that one of our able casuals, John Young, became the proud poppa of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations, John, and best of everything to you, your wife and family.

The limited authority examination which will be held this month is being written by Kathleen Petercock and Joe Dutkiewicz. Hope they are both successful in obtaining a pass mark of 75.

Sod-Turning For Pipeline

The construction of the natural gas pipeline to Yorkton is in full swing with the sod-turning ceremonies to be conducted on the 13th of this month. We have had many inquiries from applicants desiring to obtain employ-

ment on the pipeline. To date we have not been able to place too many.

We'll have a further report on this and other projects in Yorkton in the next issue of Prairie News.

LETHBRIDGE

Not unlike many of the offices in the Region, we, too, in Lethbridge have been subject in a mild manner to the flu bug. Gordy McNabb has now returned after a bout with the ulcers; Special Placements section is again under control.

May brings flowers to most localities, but to Lethbridge it brings our annual trek of sugar beet workers -- some 1,300 are expected this year. Our Employment Supervisor, John McLean, will have his hands full of Indian workers and his stomach full of baloney. John is chief cook and bottle washer and makes an estimated 2,000 baloney sandwiches during the two weeks.

Visitors this month included Mr. R. Lewis and Mr. Jake Lysecki. Mr. Lewis wanted to meet Bill Sobuliak's sister, Florence, but we had difficulty in locating her as he has only one sister, Helen.

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Curling wound up on a rather sweet note for the McLeans. John skipped his rink to a trophy in one event and his wife, Myrtle, played on a team that came third in another event.

Sybil, our latest addition in the steno pool, is carrying several carrots around these days and I don't mean the eating variety.

Annual NUICA Event

The Southern Alberta Branch of the NUICA had its annual get-together this month, and while it was not a 100% turn-out, those who did attend enjoyed themselves. Some have even suggested a twice-yearly meeting. (If only finances would permit.) The new executive is from the Lethbridge office.

HOW TO BE A BIG SHOT (Author Unknown)

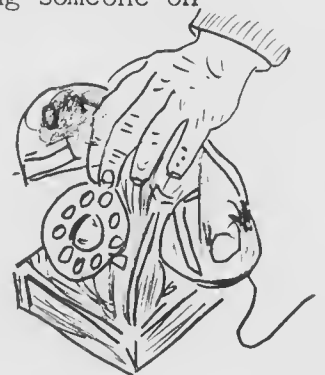
TALK LOUD: This proves that you are a person of force and character and must be right. (Note: If it should happen that you and the other person both start to talk at the same moment, the proper technique is to keep raising your voice progressively until you have drowned him out.)

TALK FAST: If you talk fast enough, the other person will be unable to detect flaws in your argument, at least until after you have gone. It also makes you look as if you had much of importance to say.

INTERRUPTIONS: It is good practice to interrupt the other person at least once every other sentence. This breaks up his train of thought

and puts him at a disadvantage. Stickler for form usually prefaces the interruption with the words: "Do you mind if I interrupt you for a moment?" However, under no circumstances should you wait for an answer to this question. Just barge right ahead.

TELEPHONING: When calling someone on the phone, have your secretary put in the call, and then keep the other person waiting several minutes after he is on the line. This impresses him with your general inaccessibility and importance. If you have no secretary, get



the operator to put the call in, and then go out to lunch.

ENGAGEMENTS: Never accept the first hour or day suggested for an appointment. Be sure to page through your engagement pad until you find an open spot. This indicates you are working hard and loaded down with responsi-

bility.

PAPERS: When a paper comes to your desk which you don't know what to do with, the best practice is to scribble on it: "What is your reaction?" and send it on to somebody else. There is at least an even chance that you will never see it again.

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"LIVE ALL YOUR LIFE"

(The following was written by D.H. Elton, a retired Lethbridge barrister, who dedicated his poem to a little girl. - Ed.)

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(Dum Vivimus, Vivamus)
"Whilst we live, let us live."

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| 1. "Live all your life."
Is a challenge to live,
A challenge to get,
And a challenge to give
A challenge to be,
And a challenge to do,
A challenge to me
And a challenge to you. | 3. "Live all your life,"
In whatever estate,
Live for a purpose,
Live to create,
Live to impart,
Live to receive,
Live to have faith --
To trust and believe. |
| 2. "Live all your life,"
Don't just live a part,
For living requires
Soul, conscience and heart,
Live while you live,
Don't just walk around
An unburied corpse
Encumb'ring the ground. | 4. "Live all your life,"
Is the clarion call,
For young and for old,
For great and for small.
Through sunshine, or shadow
In silence, or strife...
Here's the little girl's blessing:
May you live all your life. |

- D. H. Elton.

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A yawn is nature's way of letting married men open their mouths.

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It takes a mighty conscientious man to tell the difference between when he's tired and when he's lazy.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

We are glad to report the return to work of Frank Richardson. Frank, who was ill for some time, has now fully recovered and is back at his desk as good as ever and full of his old mischievous humour.

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Recent visitors to the local office included Mr. Duncan and Mr. Crookshanks. It was a real pleasure to renew acquaintanceship with both of these charming gentlemen.

New LO Takes Shape

Construction on Portage's new federal building, the future home of the NES, progresses and the building is now beginning to take shape. This has led to a lot of speculation amongst the staff as to the final appearance and layout of the structure. Needless to say everyone is looking forward to the day early in 1960 when the job will be finished and we shall move to new quarters.

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COOK'S CORNER



Pecan Puffs

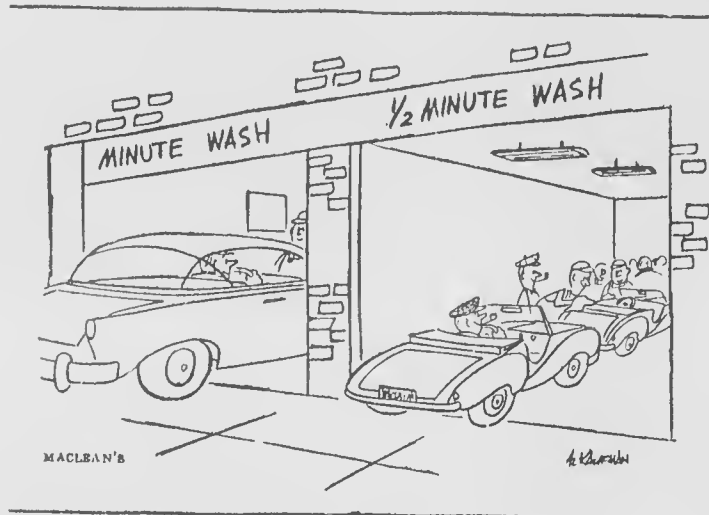
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter, well creamed
1 c. sifted cake flour
1 c. pecan nuts (crushed)
2 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

(Walnuts may be substituted for the pecans, if desired.)

Drop by spoonfuls on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 45 mins. in very slow oven. While hot sprinkle with icing sugar.

He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.

- Arabian Proverb



DRUMHELLER

by V. Oliphant

Greetings from 886 in the Dinosaur Valley situated in the heart of the "Big Country", four miles from the "Biggest, Little Church in the World", Alberta's No. 1 Tourist Attraction. (Plug).

Best Wishes To New LOM

Our congratulations to 719, Lloydminster, and our very best wishes to Holger Rasmussen who was the successful candidate in the competition for Manager. Our loss will be Lloydminster's gain. 886 won't be the same without you Holger,

but you are well deserving of the promotion. Though we are going to miss you very much, we cannot help but be very happy for you. Hope the people of Lloydminster appreciate you and may all your troubles be placements.

Members of the staff gathered at the home of Mr. Sanders, our Manager, on Thursday evening April 16th to bid a fond farewell to Holger and Mildred. Mildred was presented with a corsage and Holger received a "Lifetime" Pen and Pencil set. Mildred and the boys will be moving about the end of May.

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Everything was peaceful and calm in the office here for a couple of days -- Vera Oliphant was suffering from laryngitis.

We were pleased to have Mr. Lysecki visit us for two days last week. While here he gave Joe Lowther, our new member in Employment, some instruction in Occupational Coding.

We have our two regular casuals back with us again, also one new one. One of the old gals is adding a little colour to the office today, sporting what she calls a "Patio Dress"; she says she has everything but the patio.

It is a pleasure to have Mr. McLeod of Regional Office with us today. Before he leaves we hope to have all our recent insurance problems solved.

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CALGARY

by George R. Campbell

Greetings and a flip of the Calgary Lid to all. On March 23, Charlie McCreath spoke to all members of Insurance regarding the future of mechanization. And, speaking of Insurance and mechanization, Cactus Joe left his fellows in Claims Pay with a promotion to Employment at the Branch Office. This leaves Willie Ward the sole sultan of this all-female section. Mrs. Kay Blanchfield made the same jump from Book Distribution and Mrs. Lyttle left her statistics.

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All the new Employment Officers enjoyed a course of 15 days' tuition under Mr. (Prof.) Jones and Angus MacDonald. For ~~one~~ afternoon Jake Lysecki took over the class. Did you know that he was one of those responsible for the adoption of the DOT? Mr. Lysecki was here for some time in connection with a Managers' and Supervisors' Course which drew in the Managers of Blairmore, Drumheller, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat (Messrs. Lote, Sanders, Lynn and Thom).

Roy N. Lewis breezed in and out, apparently satisfied that things were going as well as could be expected. Mr. S.K. MacLeod, an old Calgary Hand, is here reviewing adjudications. The situation should be well in hand now that Nels Frazer is back at last, albeit with an awkward twist to his back and neck. Now Hi Broomhall can take his delayed leave, a whole day at a time.

Farewell Tea

The RD favoured us for a few days on a personal inspection tour to see for himself just how things actually were. Thus he was on hand for the farewell tea held for Countdown McKillop on April 29. Countdown was another of the originals in the UIC and has always been active in all NUICA and similar activities. He was well regarded by all who knew him over the years and his penetrating

analyses of current crises will be missed. He possessed to an unusual degree the quality of seeing things in their true light. Yet another, whose like we probably shall not see again. The gracious Mrs. McKillop was photographing the whole thing while Wally Bullard presented Don with the latest model in tripods to aid him in shooting pictures of the tropical scenes where he is headed.

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Do you realize that if you save a dollar a day, you will have \$863. to bring you to the National Convention in CALGARY, September 27, 1961?

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The bowling season wound up, or ran down, at last, and the occasion was celebrated by a large gathering at the War Amps Hall on April 17. The team of Evelyn Doty (Audit) pretty well swept the awards, winning the League Trophy, Team High Single and Team High Three. Our Miss Potts was the top lady bowler and Ernie Walker sidled in for the booby prize. Mr. Bullard, as usual, presented the awards and the chicken dinner was pronounced excellent.

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Calgary cont'd.

It is amazing how the Commission manages to enlist the valiant souls who continue to man the "outposts". The blood-chilling description of the Edmonton climate in the last NEWS drew forth the comment from Cactus Joe that the coldest winter he ever spent was a SUMMER in Edmonton. Notice from press reports that Edmonton is overbuilt with 350 unsold houses and "the situation is becoming worse". The word is getting around. Calgary actually has a housing shortage -- this migration simply HAD to start sooner or later.

What It Means

From time to time, in order to assist newcomers, Cactus Joe will interpret the phrases commonly met with in emissions from Region and around the LO's. This can be considered a dictionary or what they really meant:

A CONFERENCE - A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labour and the loneliness of thought.

IN CONFERENCE - He's gone out and I have no idea where he is.

A MEETING - A mass mulling by master-minds.

FOR ACTION AS NECESSARY - Do you know what to do about it? We don't.

TO EXPEDITE - To compound confusion with commotion.

CO-ORDINATOR - The guy who has a desk between two expeditors.

CONSULTANT - Any ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home.

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MALE EMPLOYMENT

A lot of changes in this section. Martha Opperman and Jim Plant each moved up a notch. Mrs. Lettie Nicholson left DVA to come on strength May 6 to replace Mrs. Lyttle in Employer Records. Miss Barbara Colebrook, a native Calgarian, joined the happy throng May 11 on Counter Control, after a short career in the meat packing industry. The hope that you will be happy in the Service is extended by all.

We have been having "model" spring weather -- the type of model that gets five or six changes a day. These persistent, unseasonable, snow overruns from Edmonton have slowed construction work and claimants in this line have been on our hands longer than usual, but things are shaping up. Ronnie Kessel, looking around the office, states that the normal complement of people seems to be on hand - this is not to imply that the complement is normal, however.

Roman (Winter Work) Weppier has been holding down the Manager's chair at the Branch Office for weeks, anxiously awaiting reinforcement. Fred Urton could be the reason for Roman's anxiety state. The other day Friendly Fred had to deal with a hostile applicant. After a somewhat lengthy interchange which had attracted the attention of all present, the irascible individual snarled that he would have to go out and rob a bank. With a glance at the clock, Fred reduced the tension by remarking; "You'll have to hurry -- it's ten to three already."

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WOMEN'S DIVISION

In this Section the timing seems to be out -- still a lot of absenteeism being reported. Apparently they have forgotten the classic verse:

The frog's on the wing,
The flu's on the wane
In the street the girls
 laughing --
It's Springtime again.



Mrs. Eileen Brown joined the Staff and is on Counter Control. Although Miss Hillocks retired some months ago, ill-health prevented a retirement party for her. But this was remedied by a chicken dinner on April 29. Supervisor Elizabeth "Muriel" Clark plans to tour the "Old Country" during her leave, which is due in June. This is indeed the time to think about this and consult the one book that really tells you where you can go on leave - your cheque book.

Stampede July 6th

But everyone in the Region, whether by hitchhiking, by pedaling, or by plane, can reach Calgary for THE STAMPEDE. July 6-11 this year. Come in and see us when visiting the World's Greatest Exhibition and Stampede.

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SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Five most important words:	I am proud of you.
Four most important words:	What is your opinion?
Three most important words:	If you please.
Two most important words:	Thank you.
Least important word:	I.

The Wrong Word

A young woman who was driving her car after two lessons, with her father as a passenger, exclaimed: "Doesn't speeding over the beautiful country make you glad you're alive!"

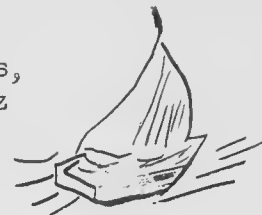
"Glad isn't the word," muttered her father. "I'm amazed."

- Buffalo Courier Express.

EDMONTON

Summer with its multitude of joys is beaming at us around the far edge of May and we are arming ourselves for the fun and the problems: There's the neighbor's motorboat and his lakeside cottage and lots of flit, scat, kill'em and other varieties of mosquito food. There are interesting zoo developments and the consequential twinge of mill-rate growth. Car trips on long week-ends may well be worth the investment of a new set of tires, and ask yourself, friends, if you tidy up the lawns and the garden - how can you avoid the expense of another coat of paint for the house?

Speaking of gardens, we hear that John Dubetz has been well stocked with seed for many months in anticipation of the days when he can romp into the office with another big bouquet of fresh-cut garden flowers for one of the lucky ladies of 812 staff. Again, speaking of gardens, here is an epilogue to the poem, "Make the Most of It," which appeared in the previous issue of PN:



FRUIT

Tomorrow has been promised us,
In a wise and wondrous way,
Tomorrow bears the fruit
Of the good we sow today.

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The Bowling League

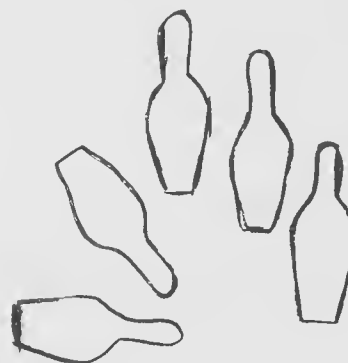
Another lively season of bowling reached its climax April 25th with the happy gathering of some 50 fans and friends for a banquet at the Corona Hotel. For a small fee, patrons were treated to a hearty dinner, a round of trophy presentations, a double dessert of Carson and Son and dancing. Stu', a practiced protagonist of song and stage contributed a fine pot-pouri of skits and songs capably teamed with his son.

Trophy Winners

1st - Johnny Dove's Lovey Doveys
2nd - Paul Meleshko's Hepcats
3rd - Stella Shupenea's Go-Getters
4th - Clif Baker's Doodlebugs

Women's High Single - Doris Ainsworth
Men's High Single - Horace McIntyre

Well, steady your arm for next fall, pals!



At the Insurance Branch

The machine room has all the clinical aspects of an operating room. Tables are clear, shiny-surfaced, rigid rows. Filing cabinets, orderly and tabbed, range the walls. Nothing breaks the silence but the steady hungry purr of the machines. Terry and Al plan a new four-hour feeding: out-filing dormant seasonal claims. Another heavy season, another heavy claim-load is gradually

tailing off. The machine is only one of the unsung heroes of the Insurance Branch. To see the daily routine in full production and to realize the amount of effort that goes into the payment of benefits is not a little staggering.

Poetic Interlude

And yet, there is a brief moment here and there for appreciation of heady efforts such as these by an anxious claimant:

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"I'm not a guy to quarrel or fly in temper wild,
But hanging round this office has left me far from mild.
I don't know what has happened, but I'd like to say, 'By heck!'
Just let me have, dear fellows, my unemployment cheque."

Doris Langley who sent it to us, thought it was "kind 'a cute". Knowing Doris, we bet he wasn't long waiting for his cheque.

What could be a sharper reminder of Spring than book renewal? Johnny Dove of Office Services has taken control of processing in this necessary function. There can't be any more to it than was needed for the job of sparking the Lovey-Doveys to success! All in all, we would like to be able to go on and on about the Insurance Branch - they don't get much time for trumpet blowing.

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Curling

Kay Pewtress reports as follows for the curling devotees of our lively family: Eight rinks took part in a very successful season. Winners of the first event, skipped by G. Empey - Kay Barr, Aden Campbell, Kay Pewtress. Winners of the second event, skipped by Mr. Sherbaty - Frank Crow, Charlie Pollard, Daisy Foll.

Two rinks from the Unemployment Insurance Commission entered the first Civil Service Federation Bonspiel, held over the Easter week-end. One rink was skipped by Mr. Empey and the other by Mr. Sherbaty. Mr. Empey's rink lost out in the fourth game of the first event - winners of which were presented with the Huggett Memorial Trophy. Mr. Sherbaty's rink, comprised of Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Wesson and Kay Pewtress, took second in the second event. Congratulations, winners!

Staff Changes

Illness and family responsibilities has deprived us of the services of Mrs. Helen Frasch, Mrs. Norma Walline, Ken Lyons and Mrs. Marge Thom.

Last, but not least, we welcome to our staff: Miss Kay D'Rose, Mrs. Marjorie Kaps, Mr. Syl. Skulsky, Mrs. Mary Yadlowski, Miss Elaine Erasmus, Miss Natalie Borynee, Mr. Carl Iwanyshyn and Mr. Dan Taylor.

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BROCK BUILDING

Brother Bernard, our angular correspondent, has apparently discovered my phone number and has been asking for news of the "Bestest in the Westest". Well, we few, we valiant few, are busy stemming the tide of applicants who ebb and flow through our doors and are thankful to be afloat at the end of each day.

Happy and Sad

We are happy to see a number of new faces since last Prairie News, and sad that a few of the old regulars are no longer with us. Among those whom we will be missing is Ken Lyons, who has gone to greener pastures on the DEW Line; Syd Flynn, who has the urge to travel and wants to do so while he is still able. Syd has been with us since the early days and his unfailing humour and optimistic approach to life will long be remembered. We also said goodbye to Mrs. Marge Thom, our able statistician who decided to devote all her time to house-keeping. Best of luck, Folks, for a job well done.



by J.B. Johnson

While we wave goodbye with one hand, we extend the other to welcome Dorothy Plamer, Syl Skulsky, Oliver Bowen and Geof. Garn. We hope that your stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Please Make It Fast!

We hear that construction is expected to start on our new office this year, and it is our hope that it won't be used as a winter work project for more than one winter.

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We are pleased to report that Miss Sutherland has installed an automatic air-conditioning system in the Claims Taking Unit. When it gets too warm, two staff members automatically get a chair and various assorted tools and remove a window. Then when the temperature drops, they automatically put the window back in again using the same chair and assorted tools. "Never underestimate the power of a woman."

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QUICK CANADIAN FACTS

The Virginia opossum, occasionally found in southwestern Ontario, carries its young in a pouch like the kangaroo.

The name of Niagara Falls comes from the Indian word "Onguiaahra", which meant "thunderer of the waters".

Life expectancy for women in Canada is 73 years, for men it is 68 years.

Since 1950 the average wage in manufacturing in Canada, in terms of purchasing power rather than in terms of current dollars, has increased by 25 per cent.

Even with the inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii, Canada will be larger than the United States by an area equal to that of the province of Manitoba.

SWIFT CURRENT

by Jeanne Steckhan

Hello again from 787. We are in the midst of book renewal and the staff members are so busy that contributions for the Prairie News are rather scarce this time.

We were pleased to have Mr. Crookshanks from Regional with us for a few days in April reviewing Staff Training Methods with us.

Our Manager, Mr. Wilkinson, attended the Supervisory Training School in Regina April 27 and 28.

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Protection

Son: "Dad, why can't a man have more than one wife?"

Dad: "My son, when you are older you'll realize that the law protects those who are incapable of protecting themselves."

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W H A T ' S N E W

Aid For Fishermen

Bothered by tackle box snarls on fishing trips? Plastic hook guard, in three sizes, designed for double and treble hooks. It permits fisherman to carry baits in his pockets, leaving hand free for other equipment. It also provides big saving in space in the tackle box, manufacturer claims.

Fragrant Showers

New shower head of chrome and clear plastic, with small trap door for insertion of special pellets, produces a foamy spray of softened water. The spray is lightly scented (for women) but the fragrance vanishes with clear water rinse (to keep men happy).

Airy Effect

Light, airy effect is promised from venetian blind design, developed in Canada and now ready for markets abroad as well. It has narrow slats and traditionally wide tapes are replaced by light, Terylene threads. Louvers are tilted by dial rather than cord, another innovation.

Headlight Watchdog

Device, attachable to dashboard of car, warns driver of headlight failure. It operates by measuring electricity consumption, responding to every small drop in current. Equipped with two lights: steady green when all is well, red when there is failure.



His Reward!

As rescuers untangled a motorist from the wreckage of a jalopy, pole and wires, he reached out feebly, fingered the wires and murmured,

"Thank heaven I lived clean. They've given me a harp."

- Wall Street Journal

PRINCE ALBERT

by Olga Routley

The big news from Prince Albert for this edition (as far as yours truly is concerned) is moving into our brand new home on the first day of spring. It was a long wait but it was well worth it.

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Mr. Wayling spent the week of April 6th in our office. I'm sure we will all profit by his help and advice.

A rash of absences for one reason or another has left many of us doing double or triple duty. Mr. Henshall, Employment Supervisor, started the holidays rolling for another year. (I can see Mr. Henshall looking forward to coming back to work so that he and Mr. Conroy can take off to the reservations once again in pursuit of beet workers.) No sooner had he left when Deryk Taylor, our statistician, had an emergency appendectomy. Then the flu hit a couple in the insurance branch. Not too seriously -- we are glad to report. We are sorry to see Gladys Kendall away so long on the sick list. We hope she'll be back soon. What would we do without those delicious goodies that Marcy (Attree) brings every Monday. It brightens that blue day considerably.

Long Hours

Never let it be said that Civil Servants don't work hard. People are beginning to realize it, too, because a lady phoned the Employment Office at 10:30 one night and asked, "Is the office still open?"!

Jobs On Increase

And at last job opportunities are on the increase. Many men have been sent to the Park and construction jobs. Also a few women. Farmers are beginning to look for hired help, too, with spring seeding on the way.

River here in town. A very modern type bridge it is, too, with clover-leaf approaches. Just like the big cities.

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Work has also begun on our long-awaited bridge over the Saskatchewan

We're looking forward to our annual Association dinner on 12th May.

SASKATOON

by Cam Worcester

SUGGESTION AWARD

Mr. Leslie A. Roberts, E&CO in the Insurance Branch of the Saskatoon LO was awarded \$170. for a suggestion which resulted in the elimination of posting of the index cards during the seasonal benefit period, when the claimant failed to qualify for regular benefit but did establish a

seasonal benefit period.

A cheque and letter of congratulations from the Chief Commissioner and a framed Certificate of Award were presented to Mr. Roberts by Mr. R.E. Gray, LOM on April 30 with all the LO staff present.

Our Manager, Mr. Gray, Employment Supervisor Mr. Gordon, and District Auditor Mr. MacTavish journeyed south to Regina for the "Short Course" Supervisory Development Program. On his return, Mr. Gray emphasized the great importance of this course and the real value it will have in increasing the efficiency of the staff.

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The NUICA held its annual banquet and elections at Clinton Lodge on the evening of May 8th. Fred Morrison was returned for a second term as President and our congratulations go to him in all sincerity. Ken Kynoch of Audit takes over the Vice-Presidency. Jennifer Fusedale and C.R. Lee as secretaries and Edna Janzen as Treasurer round out a strong Executive. A buffet style dinner high-lighted the evening.

Max "Shoots" The Staff

To his inexhaustible string of accomplishments, our Max Gordon has now become the "Karsh" of the local office. Max has been busy photographing the individual members of the Employment Branch, all artistically posed at their desks. From the results Hollywood could use our girls and General Motors could find some good potential Board members.



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Our VIP list in the past two months reveals Mr. C. McCreath, Mr. G. Wayling, Mr. Roy Lewis and Mrs. W. Gerry. It is always a happy occasion for us to renew acquaintanceship with such good friends and nice people.

Mr. William Feader has shut-up shop at the University and has moved his branch down to the local office. We welcome Bill back. Our sincere congratulations go to Marlien Morrell on her successful bid to become an E&CO l. Congratulations also to Anne Pfeifferle, who has been promoted to the Clerk's position vacated by Marlien. We are happy to welcome Miss Joan Anderson to the Steno Pool and hope that she will enjoy her work with us.

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Mrs. Garrison is back on the job after her annual holidays which took her to sunny California by car, with stop-overs at Reno and Las Vegas. Mrs. McCallum is another early vacationer who is back after a car trip south of the border. Book Renewal has offset an easing-up in the Insurance Branch and Laura Theilman is master-minding the enormous job. The "flu" has kept our ranks somewhat depleted, but we hope the worst is over.

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Special Award To Les

The four-star award of the month goes to our Mr. Les Roberts, who received a very substantial cheque from Ottawa and a framed Award Certificate for a suggestion he sent in some time ago. The whole office joins in congratulating Les - it couldn't happen to a nicer chap. After looking at the three-figure cheque, many of us began to wonder if we could not be as smart and try for some of the "folding stuff".

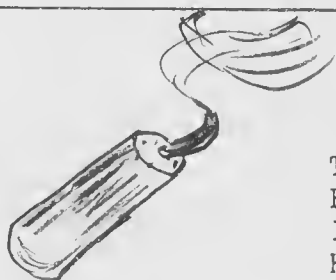
Your reporter has made two trips to the South Saskatchewan River Dam project. His first reaction was that it is plenty big. At this stage of development you just can't comprehend how big it is. However, it is not going to serve as a panacea for all of Saskatchewan's unemployment problems. In fact, it will only absorb a relatively few skilled men this year and even fewer unskilled.

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Olga Dunseith and Edna Janzen drove to North Battleford last weekend to take in the Professional Women's Club Conference.

Mr. Hobson is still recuperating at home. He appears to be regaining his health and we will be expecting him back before long.

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Lingering Memory

The 24th of May has come and gone,
But thoughts of it still linger;
I held a fire-cracker in my hand --
Has anyone seen my finger?

- Gordie Tapp.

No Vacancy

Freddie, an inefficient clerk in a smalltown store, was not in evidence one morning. A customer asked, "Where's Freddie? He ain't sick, is he?" "Nope," replied the proprietor. "He just ain't workin' here no more." "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" "Nope. Freddie didn't leave no vacancy."

WINNIPEG

During the past two months we have welcomed into our ranks the following employees: Miss I. Podolsky, Mrs. G. Andrews, Mr. K.S. Klein to Insurance and Mr. W. Thomas to Administrative Services. We also welcome back Mr. D. Pendeshuk, who has returned to us from Regional Office.

A number of employees have left our service and our Best Wishes for the future go to: Miss C. Wood, Mr. E.W.T. Jones, Miss E.E. O'Malley, Miss B. Gallaher and Miss F. Marcoux of Insurance; and to L. Tkachuk and C.W. Lawrence of Administrative Services.

On extended sick leave at present are Miss M. MacBain, Mrs. B. Skinner, Mr. R.G. Anderson and Mr. J.S. Mullan. Our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you.

We are happy to have Miss S. Kalyniuk and Mrs. L. Comer back with us after their bout with illness.

Promotional congratulations in the last two months have been extended to Mrs. O.M. Walters and Mrs. E. Wolfe.

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MALE EMPLOYMENT

by L.R. Barr

"The Close Co-operation of Every Blooming Soul"

The above title is just a part of a world famous quotation, but to those familiar with it, I believe it will be agreed, the most important part. Without co-operation the wheels of progress would stop and the world as we of today know it, would not exist. If space permitted it would be interesting to theorize a little, and just sum up what our world of today would be like without co-operation. Ah, yes, we have those stalwart souls who loudly proclaim that comes no matter what, progress would have progressed, that what words and friendship could not achieve, armies would have. Well for one thing, history proves that the world has endured one major conflict for each twenty-five year period of its existence, and only co-operation was the force that restored the damaged ruins, and the broken lives; this was the end result of these useless conflicts. Today the security we hold dear is again threatened, meetings are being held, and a summit meeting is being talked of -

let us hope with deepest sincerity, that this time in history, "the words and friendship", get the first try, for this indeed would be co-operation of the highest order.

Another Great Moment

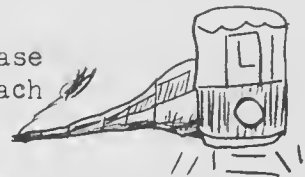
Possibly one other great moment in co-operation took place when the Government passed the Unemployment Insurance Act, embracing the National Employment Service, for here the Government of Canada, the Employers of Canada, and Canadians from coast to coast joined hands in one of the strongest bonds to defeat unemployment. We quote just one example of what UIC Benefits mean to thousands of Canadians. Just compare the dignity of drawing a sum of money each week, which is rightfully every contributor's, against the demoralizing line-up waiting to get into the soup kitchens of the thirties. It's true of course that we of the Service have had our ups and downs, our moments of

doubt, even doubted ourselves - but the spirit was there, and the spirit of the job won out. What part did co-operation play? Let me tell you.

Last Sunday our Minister used an example in his sermon; he told this brief story:

A young couple sitting in a railway car was requested by the porter to please move to the car ahead. They

refused saying they were quite happy where they were. Finally the porter made a last plea - "I wish you folks would please move to the next coach because this one ain't hitched to nothing, and it sure ain't going anywhere!"



THE POINT IS WE'RE HITCHED.

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E & P DIVISION

by J. Ruczak

We are happy to welcome Mrs. G. Caye as Acting Supervisor and we hope that she enjoys her stay with us.

Audrey tripped down the aisle on Saturday afternoon, but it was only as the Maid of Honour.

At the time of writing, we are sorry to report that Jean Coutts is away ill, and we hope she will be back with us very soon.

Bill M. apparently knows his hockey and does not rely on sentiment. Ask a certain claims-taker who goes by the initials of D.P.

The writer enjoyed a most pleasant week-end at the lake, and the fish were biting "real good".

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FIRST FLOOR, Travellers Bldg.

by M. Lord

Usually it requires quite a bit of digging to get even a few items every two months for the Prairie News, but things have been happening lately on the Main Floor, Travellers Building and this time there was quite a bit of news.

We have had two retirements, both old-timers in the service.

On April 15th, Mr. Ernie Jones, Male Information Counter, bade adieu to his many friends. He was the recipient of a handsome piece of luggage and the girls on the Counter presented him with a boutonniere of a red carnation.

On April 30th, Miss O'Malley, Stenographer in Book Distribution, was presented with a cheque from the Flower and Gift Fund and a leather handbag and corsage from her co-workers. Miss O'Malley has been a civil servant for a number of years, having worked in Ottawa before coming to Winnipeg. During the day her many friends stopped at her desk to extend their good wishes.

We also have had some transfers this month: Miss Isobel Edgar, Supervisor Female Information Counter, has been transferred to the Womens' Division in the Services Unit. The girls and Andy presented her with a lapel pin. Miss Betty Ross, Male 805 File, has been transferred to the Men's Division, Section 1.

Congratulations are in order to Andy Prokop, who has become a grandfather again. Bobby now has a brother, Douglas George.

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Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Forrester, Supervisor of Book Distribution, on the bereavement of his wife. Mrs. Forrester died suddenly on April 30th.

We are pleased to welcome Iris Podolsky to Book Distribution. Iris looks right at home in her little corner. Well, holidays have started and Johnny Neufeld, Male Casual, was the first. He spent one week at home, the other two to come later, when it feels more like vacation time. We have had a few away since last reporting with minor illnesses and the only two still on the sick list are Mrs. Beryl Skinner and Mr. J. Mullan.

Bingo Winner Gets Cottage

Mr. Les Bake, Supervisor Male Information Counter had a pleasant surprise the other night. Mrs. Bake won a summer cottage and the land to put it on, at Falcon Lake, first prize at Bingo.



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FOURTH FLOOR, Travellers Bldg.

by S. Hehn

Mrs. Georgia Caye, Supervisor of Special Placements, is back in very familiar surroundings on the 6th floor, but this time in the capacity of Acting Supervisor of the Executive and Professional Division. During her absence Mr. John Love is carrying out the Supervisory duties of Special Placements.

'Dig' On TV For NES

On May 12th, Frank Digby of Special Placements was interviewed on CBWT's Warren Davis Show. Dig gave a brief outline of the function of Special Placements, with particular reference to the work with High School students, the main theme of the discussion being "Stay in School". Dig is no new-comer to TV, having guested several times on Hobby Corner, and this time, as on all former occasions, he did a very fine job.

Harold Harvey of Employer Records, Cribbage King of the local office, whose crown has slipped a little lately, is making a big effort to climb back on his throne. Maybe your luck will change, Harold, want to borrow a rabbit's foot?

Mary Doerksen, Employer Relations' steno, spent a week-end in early May at Star Lake, where she did leadership work at the Christian Youth Camp. Star Lake was probably named for Mary's lucky start, because the weather that week-end was particularly lovely following a period of very gloomy cold weather.

Cay's "Family" Grows

Cay Macaulay of Special Placements is seriously considering moving into a bigger apartment to accommodate the large number of guppies and snails of which she is the astounded owner. Cay didn't foresee this complication when Frank Digby and Johnnie Kaiser presented her with two pairs of the tiny creatures.

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At the time of writing, George Styles is still on the sick list after an absence of a month. We hope that before this issue of Prairie News is in print, George will be in good health and back in his customary spot in Employer Relations.

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The harried S.P. Officer, during an interview with a sweet young thing whose extremely limited knowledge of the English language made the matter of referral to employment of the type she was seeking difficult, attempted to explain to her why it was not feasible for her to be looking for employment as an elevator operator.



"Supposing" said the SPO, "you were operating an elevator over at Ash-down's and a customer asked you where she would find kitchen utensils, what would you say?" With a look of exquisite triumph the applicant unhesitatingly answered, "I would tell her to go to the Bay or Eatons!"

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P L A C E M E N T S H I P

(Quantity vs Quality)

It isn't referrals alone you make, it's the
placements you make that count,
Perhaps one referral that ends in one job
doesn't total a great amount,
And the 281 will not greater be
'cause the selection was made very carefully.

If a placement you make with an applicant who
seems little more than a "slob",
The employer will only come back at you for
another man for the job,
But the points you make no matter the cost
don't compensate for the goodwill lost.

A visit you make at Christmas-time can
result in an order in May,
And the "presentations" you casually find will
goodwill bring any day,
But the points for orders don't recompense
for the "visit points" lost which can be immense.

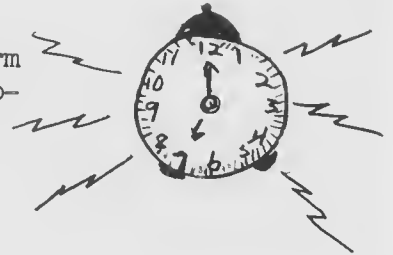
If the points alone are the things that count when
they total up the score,
And good will we lose is of lesser amount
instead of a whole lot more,
Then the loss of the human touch is that
which is lost from the soul of the beaurocrat.

- Anne Onymous.

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Units 12 and 13 said Au Revoir to three strong supporters of the Women's Division on the 5th floor.

Robertine Conroy, Mary Riehl and Carolyn Wood have graduated from NES to that strata no longer dictated to by alarm clocks and time sheets. Their immediate plans were not for publication but, knowing these active gals for some time, your reporter can truthfully advise that inactivity is not on their agenda.



"A Bit Of Spoofing"

Intimate unit parties were held on separate occasions, when a bit of spoofing accompanied parting gifts as tokens of affection and appreciation for jobs well done.

Their contribution to the Commission cannot be denied. Robertine's bemused philosophy, Mary's witty stories and Carolyn's enthusiasm are remembered when spirits are lagging and a fillip is needed.

A welcome addition to Unit 13 is Miss Isobel Edgar, former supervisor of the Female Information Counter. Isobel's experience as a placement officer and as a supervisor will make a valuable contribution. Another addition to the 5th floor comes from our Insurance Branch to Unit 12, Miss Rose Cloutier who says employment is her "first love".

For "Macy's Little Shop"

We came across an item the other day which advised the ladies that Macy's Little Shop, in New York City, has brought over a bale of "ingratiating" cotton clothes from Spain, Italy and France. Among these tempting tid-bits are day-through-evening poplin box coats. They are described at some length, including one of a "mutation mink" printed pattern, which closes with gold, ceramic buttons -- "all these are \$79.95". A single



breasted white poplin evening coat, lined with kelly green organza is offered at \$84.50. Cotton twill in a "psychotic pattern of green, blue, red, yellow and black" makes a four-piece beach ensemble - cheap at \$80. --Well, someone has to pay for the buyer's trip to Europe!

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"A hypochondriac is a man who is always on pills and needles."

- Irish Digest

"There's lots of people who spend so much time watching their health that they haven't got time to enjoy it."

- Josh Billings.

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We quote an excerpt this week from one of our daily newspapers:

PUBLIC RELATIONS

(Or, "Take A Bow, UIC" - Ed.)

Sir:

In a day and age when it seems easier to throw brickbats than roses, and man is all too prone to cheer a grudge and grudge a cheer, may I express my appreciation to the men and women of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, whose sympathetic understanding of the unemployed has been

most notable, not only in Winnipeg, but elsewhere. If this marks a new era in government public relations in general, then it is certainly a far cry from the attitude of by-gone days. Long may it continue.

Winnipeg

- E Pluribus Unum.

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The Executive Type

A business manager in search of talent for his organization, passed out a questionnaire to his younger employees. One question was: "What is your chief reason for thinking you possess executive ability?" The most interesting answer was: "I think I would make a very successful executive because I seldom get lonesome and would not mind working in a private office."

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For many years the Women's Division was without men, then we acquired some in our Sales and Clerical Unit, but alas, we are losing one of them due to Mr. Hayes' retirement. Mr. Hayes will be able to thoroughly enjoy his work shop, his beautiful home and grounds and the beauties of nature as he traverses the Windsor Golf Course. The members of the staff left behind will miss this quiet, gentlemanly person and a token of our appreciation for past performance was presented to him by Mr. H.J. Thompson on behalf of the staff. Good luck to you, Hugo, and may you shoot in the low 80's.



How gratifying it is when our supervisor comes out with a 33A quoting from a 737 she has read which says, and I quote, "This employer has every confidence in Miss X and knows she will assist him when it's humanly possible." Especially is this appreciated when the orders are pouring in and you're up to your neck with additional work, e.g., referring High School Grads, etc.

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Husband, pacing the floor with howling baby, to wife: "Isn't it about time to take him back to the doctor for a thousand mile checkup?"

- Salt Lake Tribune.

HONOUR RETIRING AUDITORS

C.W. Oberlin and T.W. McLaren were honoured on their retirement from the audit division by the staffs of the Manitoba and Winnipeg District Audit Offices at a dinner held on April 17 at the Riviera Restaurant, Winnipeg.

Mr. Oberlin joined the audit staff in 1944 as clerk 3. He was promoted to Auditor 1 in 1945 and to Auditor 2 in 1955. This latter position he held until Dec. 1, 1958 when he was forced to retire through ill health. He was particularly well known by the employers in the rural areas, having audited for the greater part of his UIC career with the Manitoba District Audit. Mr. McLaren was appointed an Auditor 2 in 1946 and served with both the Manitoba and Winnipeg District Audit staffs. His last day on duty was April 29 and after

liquidating his annual leave his effective date of retirement was May 13, 1959.

A.B. Cumming, Regional Auditor, spoke on the services of both men. Presentation of a transistor radio was made to Mr. Oberlin and a travelling bag to Mr. McLaren by J.R. Froom, District Auditor of the Winnipeg District Audit Office. H.K. Woolner, District Auditor of the Manitoba District Audit Office, was chairman.

Honoured on Promotion

A presentation was made the same evening to W.J. Jeffrey on his promotion to Assistant District Auditor at Regina. Mr. Jeffrey began his new duties at Regina on April 21st. He was presented with a travelling bag.

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Dudes 'n Duds

Two dudes at a ranch were visiting. Said one, "See that girl? Imagine her parents letting her dress like that - wearing men's clothes."

"That, Sir," replied the second dude, "is my daughter."

"Oh" apologetically, "I didn't know you were her father."

"I'm not," was the retort, "I'm her mother."



There is no wholly satisfactory substitute for brains -- but silence does pretty well.

REGIONAL

INSURANCE

by Edith Hutchison

By the time this month's copy of the Prairie News is in circulation, the great trial will be over. We refer, of course, to the LOA exam held on May 23rd. For weeks now, the hopeful candidates (including your reporter) have been going each morning very willingly to school. After the excellent tuition we have had, all of us should pass.

We have lost two staff members since the last PN issue. The balmier air of Lethbridge has lured Bill Sobuliak back to that city, and Bill Griffin has

transferred to the Board of Grain Commissioners. Good luck to both of you.

However, another Bill arrived from Winnipeg LO to join the staff of Control Unit. Mr. Nicholson and Addie Houle soon found that they had something in common -- musically inclined children. Addie's daughter came fifth in a very large piano class in the Festival and Bill's daughters came first in their respective singing classes.

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Proud Fathers

Two other proud fathers on the staff are Arnold Wogberg and Doug Hain. Arnold recently acquired a son, and Doug a daughter. Dorothy and John Radons, both formerly of the UIC, have a month-old son, Bruce.

Best wishes go to Guyla Wachowich, whose marriage will take place on June 20th.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Dan Siemens on the loss of his mother.

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A girls' baseball team has been organized in Contributions and we hear they have had their first practice. We hope to be able to report their victories in the colourful terms of the local sports writers. (Do teams never simply "win" or "lose" games any more?)

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Problemwise

My problems will not run away,
It might be wise to take a breather,
Tomorrow is another day
In which I will not solve them, either!

- Thomas Usk.

TENTH FLOOR

Special Visitors

RO was pleased to have a two-day visit from Commissioner Murchison and W. Thomson, DES. Their visit coincided with that of the LOMs from Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton; L. Robinson, R.E. Gray, E.J. Wilson and H.E. Cave respectively. At a luncheon at the St. Regis Hotel attended by the visitors and senior RO officers, a welcome was extended by Mr. Duncan, RD. Mr. Murchison spoke briefly, saying that he was pleased to have the opportunity to renew his pleasant association with the RO staff once again.

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School on Supervision

A two-day school on supervision in the Prairie Region opened April 14 at RO. In attendance were the RD, Asst. RD and branch heads. The school opened with a talk by Mr. Duncan and closed with the RD expressing appreciation of the group to Brad O'Brien of Staff Training at HO for his capable presentation of the training. The school was subsequently held at Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary for the managers and other senior staff.

B & P Provincial Council Hears Mrs. Gerry

"Older Women and Employment" was the topic of a talk by Mrs. E.W. Gerry, regional co-ordinator of women's employment, when she addressed the provincial council of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Saskatchewan recently. The meeting was held at North Battleford.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Cy Bethel, new EO in the Employment Branch. We certainly hope that you will enjoy your work with the Commission.

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Our sincere sympathy to Isabel Kear in the recent loss of her sister.

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A tourist stopped to talk with a backwoods farmer. "I see you raise hogs almost exclusively around here," he said. "Do they pay better than corn and potatoes?"

"Well, no," drawled the farmer, "but hogs don't need no hoein'."

- Oklahoman.

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ANNOUNCING RESULTS OF PROMOTIONAL COMPETITIONS PRAIRIE REGION

<u>Comp. No.</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Successful Candidate</u>	<u>Office</u>
59-P-UIC-P-1	Manager 1A	Lloydminster	Mr. H.B. Rasmussen	Drumheller
59-P-UIC(PL6-6)P-2	E&CO 5	Winnipeg LO	None Successful	
59-P-UIC(PL6-178)P-3 (List)	E&CO's 1	Winnipeg LO	Mrs. E.R. Wolfe Mr. R.R. Mrozik Mrs. M.V. Brokke Mrs. J.M. Babet Mrs. S.M. Lifchus Mrs. B.M. Rosier	Winnipeg LO " " Winnipeg RO " " " " Winnipeg LO
59-P-UIC(PL8-19)P-7	E&CO 4	Edmonton	None Successful	
59-P-UIC(PL11-12)P-12	E&CO 2	Regina	None Successful	
59-P-UIC(PL3-10)P-13	E&CO 2	Port Arthur	Mr. J.D. MacMillan	Port Arthur
59-P-UIC(PL1-14)P-14	E&CO 1	Fort William	Miss L.A. Durand	Fort William
59-P-UIC(PL8-26)P-15	E&CO 3	Edmonton	Mr. K.A. Barnhouse	Edmonton
59-P-UIC(PL24-20)P-17	Clerk 2	Lethbridge	Miss F. Vanderhelie	Lethbridge
59-P-UIC(PL8-120)P-18	Clerk 2	Edmonton	Mrs. K.D. Albert	Edmonton
59-P-UIC(PL9-16)P-19	E&CO 1	Moose Jaw	Miss E.M. Kindred	Moose Jaw
59-P-UIC(PL8-61)P-22	E&CO 1	Edmonton	Mrs. P.I. McLeod	Edmonton
59-P-UIC(PL12-14)P-23	E&CO 1	Saskatoon	Mrs. M.H. Morrell	Saskatoon

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<u>Comp. No.</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Successful Candidate</u>	<u>Office</u>
59-P-UIC(PL7-19)P-25 (List)	E&COs 1	Calgary	Mrs. C.M. Blanchfield Mrs. L.M. Lytle Mr. G.R. Campbell Mrs. H.A. Ovens	Calgary " " "
58-P-UIC(PAUD-17)P-106	Auditor 3	Regina DA	Mr. W.J. Jeffrey	Winnipeg DA
59-P-UIC(PL6-98)P-20	E&CO 4	Winnipeg LO	None Successful	
59-P-UIC(PL6-260)P-24	E&CO 3	Winnipeg LO (St. Boniface)	None Successful	
59-P-UIC(PL7-5)P-26	E&CO 3	Calgary	Mr. J. Plant	Calgary
59-P-UIC(PL1-24)P-27	E&CO 1	Fort William	Mrs. A.J. Storry	Fort William
59-P-UIC(PL8-70)P-29	E&CO 2	Edmonton	Miss Z.I. Christie	Edmonton
59-P-UIC(PL8-155)P-31	E&CO 1	Edmonton	Miss R. Zielke	Edmonton
59-P-UIC(PL15-21)P-32	E&CO 4	Brandon	Mr. F.D. Ellis	Brandon
59-P-UIC(PL8-91)P-34 (List)	E&COs 1	Edmonton	No Applications	
59-P-UIC(PL11-15)P-37	E&CO 3	Regina	No Applications	

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"Today is the father of tomorrow. But this child may be filled with quirks and surprise. To know our future, we must first appraise the past: the purpose, method and result of our work. Inner drives toward perfection must be propelled by a will to give and take. Revere the past when it deserves it -- but keep your eyes toward the future."

- IAPES 42nd Annual Convention.



MANITOBA CHAPTER

The April meeting at Moore's Restaurant dealt with Staking A Claim, and Grub-Staker W. Murray chaired the meeting and discussion, in which Prospectors, E.W. Halford, F. Dubenski, F. Bryck and W. Forrester participated.

Mr. Halford briefed the gathering on how to reach the bonanza, the location of the strike and the equipment required. Changes in regulations through the years were listed, and the prime purpose of a claims taker was given in detail. The various steps were then described -- to the Index File, the listing, the various forms completed and secured and the different procedures for initial, renewal, revised claims, amended claims, additional contributions, appeals, etc. were described.

Drilled On Hazards

Mr. Bryck carried the audience through the next steps, drilling them on the sink holes and other hazards enroute. The insurance officer was in effect a custodian of the unemployment insurance fund, and not simply an axeman, as he is so often referred to. Some of the essential factors under review were then described: it was most important that full and complete information regarding a claim should be furnished by the Local Office, in order that the insurance officer should have sufficient data on which

to base a decision. Mr. Bryck concluded by describing appeals and when they may be made.

Mr. Dubenski stated that staking a claim was one thing, but mining it was another; a claim had to be worked. He humourously compared a mining claim to a U.I. claim. You worked the latter alone, and you did not need a license to work it. Continuing claim interviews were described -- questions asked of the claimant and the necessity for the interviewers to be sharp and alert. While there is a definite procedure to be followed, frequent irregular situations arise.

Reporting Day

The description of what actually happens to a claimant on his reporting day, was probably fairly new to many. Perhaps those engaged primarily in the Employment function gained a good deal of information. It was a surprise to many that the whole operation -- which seemed very elaborate when spoken of in detail -- actually took only about a minute and a half for a person whose claim is in pay.

The Book Distribution, Contributions and Coverage function was set out by Mr. W. Forrester. Not many knew that an individual could have his contributions checked at this section of the Local Office. Steps to recover missing contributions were outlined,

and in this connection it was important, Mr. Forrester said, that complaints of non-compliance, must be in writing before action can be taken. The "staking of a claim" without depositing of the insurance book presented another problem, and was an obstacle to prompt payment of benefit. Lost books and the consequent rebuilding of contributions was another way in which the Contributions section aided the adjudication of a claim.

Questions of coverage, and applications for refund were other services this section rendered.

Note of Confidence

As Mr. Forrester concluded his outline of the importance of the Book Distribution, Contributions and Coverage section, he observed: "How could they get along without us?"

- By E.H. Bushby.

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